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In re the Application of:

Yutaka NAKASHIMA et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

For:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2003, having a shortened period for response set to expire on June 20, 2003. Applicants elect Group I drawn to an intermediate transfer body equipped with a carrier-removing roller, which includes claims 1, 2, and 6-30. Applicants reserve the right to further prosecute without prejudice the non-elected claims 4, 5, and 31-54 and the related inventions.

A Petition Under 37 CFR §1.48(b) to amend the inventorship is being filed concurrently herewith.

If there are any additional fees associated with this Response, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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